

First Southern Baptist Church

April 2026 Newsletter

Message from

Pastor Brandon Mills

1 Peter 1:3–9: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Nothing in this world can give us more hope than the resurrection of Jesus. It is in this sure fact that we, as Christians, can be assured of our eternal life with Him. This should fill our hearts with gratitude and praise that Christ walked out of that grave and secured our eternal inheritance—one that can never be taken away. As we celebrate Easter this year, let us all praise God for loving us enough to provide a way for us to be reunited with Him through His beloved Son.



CHURCH SERVICES

Weekly Fellowship and ministry

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| Sunday School (all ages) | Sunday | 9:30 | A.M. |
| Morning Worship | Sunday | 10:45 | A.M. |
| Evening Worship | Sunday | 6:00 | P.M. |
| Children Church | Sunday | 10:45 | A.M. |
| Youth Group | Sunday | 6:00 | P.M. |
| Prayer Meeting | Wednesday | 6:30 | P.M. |
| Men's Bible Study | Wednesday | 7:00 | P.M. |
| Women's Bible Study | Wednesday | 6:00 | P.M. |



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Calendar

APRIL

April 5 - Easter

MAY

May 7 - National Day of Prayer.
Started by the US Congress in 1952

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - "One Nation Under God"
Nationwide rededicating The USA to
God. In honor of this Nation's 250th
birthday celebration. . You can find
more information at
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/05/national-day-of-prayer-2025/>

May 25 - Memorial Day

Looking Ahead Other Upcoming Events:

Graduation

Teacher Appreciation

End of school

VBS

Summer

Father's Day

Notes

Church Contact Form- If you would like to receive church emails, please fill out the contact form on the website.

RightNow Media- a streaming sight for both adults and kids. Free to the church members though the Rightnow Media account of FSBC.



VBS - June 1-5.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

Don't forget to give Kathy your shirt size and snap a quick picture with her

What's one thing you just can't have enough of?

That's right, it's VOLUNTEERS for the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Reach out to Kathy Butler or Pastor Brandon to join the team.

OCC- collecting small cars, (Matchbox size). Also small dinosaurs, about palm size.

Gospel Challenge: Let's unite in sharing God's message and inviting friends to church. Our goal is to reach 1,000 souls by Easter. Remember, Jesus engaged with countless individuals during his time on Earth. Can you aim to connect with 5 people each week? Whether it's face-to-face, over the phone, through an email, via text, or on social media, every effort counts. There are countless avenues to share the message. As this goes to print the total is at about 150. For exact totals per week, check the board in the church.

THE BIG EVENT- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us at FSBC on Easter Day, April 5, 2026, at 7:00 AM for a memorable Sunrise service on the lawn, offering the perfect setting as the sun begins its ascent. Following this spiritual start, we invite you to a delightful gathering over our Easter breakfast with provided biscuits and gravy, enhancing the spirit of community. Please contribute by bringing a dish of juice, fruit or pastries to share. Our worship service will commence at 9:00 AM, replacing the usual Sunday Church and marking a slightly earlier start than our typical 10:45 AM schedule. (No children's Sunday School). Also, there will be no evening services.

Ms. Kathy Butler is genuinely thankful for the retirement gifts honoring her unwavering commitment to Children's Church and Sunday School. Curious about her plans for newfound free time? Rest assured, Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, guaranteeing her break won't last long. Mark your calendars for June 1-5.

WWOW hosts the Wednesday Women's Bible Study group every Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm. We'd love for you to join us! For further details, please reach out to Julie Worley, and don't hesitate to invite a friend!

Recently, on March 25, we held a special night dedicated to bidding farewell to Marlene Miller, a beloved long-time member of both WWOW and FSBC. Marlene has blessed us with her wisdom and meaningful insights during our Bible readings. We shared a delightful meal as we celebrated our last fellowship with Marlene. She left with heartfelt cards and flowers from the WWOW group, plus visits from Pastor Brendon and Deacon Tim Knabenshue, who brought flowers and a stuffed elephant—a nod to Marlene's cherished collection. We will miss you dearly, Marlene, and wish you joy and happiness as you settle in Georgia, savoring time with your family.



Easter- Keeping It AGE Appropriate

Preschoolers

Preschoolers need to know the basics. They generally don't understand words such as perfect, crucifixion and resurrection. You can tell your child that people killed Jesus on the cross, but Jesus was able to rise from death and is alive because He's God's Son. These concepts lay a foundation for future understanding. Talk to your preschooler in warm, reassuring tones.

Young children

Younger kids are capable of handling more detailed information. They can know that bad people unfairly tried Jesus and He was sentenced to death on the cross. You can point out that Jesus was beaten before He was crucified. Jesus died. He was buried. After three days, God raised Him back to life. Some key words to start to emphasize and define are crucifixion and resurrection. As you tell the story, try to share it in five to seven minutes to maintain your child's attention. Ask questions to check for understanding.

Older children

Older kids need to understand the details of the story. They need to know why Jesus' trial was unfair. They need to hear that Pilate could find no guilt in Him. They can hear about the people's demand for Barabbas' release. Share with them the agony that Christ felt as He was beaten and hung upon the cross. Allow them to read about how He was treated while on the cross. By this age, your child has probably gained the basic understanding of Christ's death and resurrection, so this is the time to add details.

Kids at LifeWay Christian Resources. This article first appeared in HomeLife, a LifeWay publication that has been nurturing Christ-centered families for more than 65 years.

Kids have many question....But Why?

Kids are full of questions. Here are a few questions kids may have about Easter and possible answers for you to consider:

- Why did Jesus have to die? Jesus came to earth knowing that He would one day die. He died because people needed a Savior.**
- Did God want Jesus to be killed? No. God created people to be perfect, but then people did bad things. But because God's love for us is great, He sent Jesus to redeem our sins.**
- Did it hurt Jesus when people were mean to Him? Yes. Jesus had feelings. He felt pain and sadness when He was on the cross.**
- Why couldn't somebody else die on the cross? Jesus is the only One who could die on the cross and be the Savior because He never sinned.**

Want to share the Gospel with your children but aren't sure where to start? Use this for guidance.

God's Plan for You

God rules. The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He's in charge of everything. (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11)

We sinned. We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 3:23)

God provided. God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23)

Jesus lives. He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9)

We respond. Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. (John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13)

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The angel told the women something. What was it?

Use the code to find out.

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Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7-12

Easter Sunrise • Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection

It was dawn on the first day of the week.
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
went to Jesus' tomb.

Connect the dots.

